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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Status

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 14-19, 26-34, and 36-38 stand rejected and claims 20-25 stand withdrawn from further consideration. Claims 4-7, 10-13, 35 and 39 stand objected to but allowable if appropriately rewritten. Applicant appreciates the examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3, 9, 16-17, and 26-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,102,708 to Kimura, hereinafter "Kimura," in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,102,708 to Behl, hereinafter "Behl." Claims 8, 14-15, 18-19, and 36-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura in view of Behl and U.S. Patent No. 4,915,639 to Cohn et al., hereinafter "Cohn."

Claims 1, 5, 9, 11, 16, 32, and 33 have been amended in the previous reply. Claims 3, 4, 10, 34, and 35 have been canceled in the previous reply. Claims 32 and 33 have been amended in the instant reply. No new matter has been added.

Examiner Telephone Conversation

On February 9, 2004, the examiner requested that applicant amend claims 32 and 33 to recite "that receives" instead of "adapted to receive" and "capable of receiving." Applicant respectfully submits that claims 32 and 33, as previously presented, are in condition for allowance and applicant amends such claims solely to expedite prosecution and not for any reason related to prior art or patentability. Applicant further respectfully submits that amended claims 32 and 33 are equivalent to such claims as previously presented.

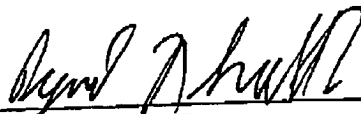
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Raymond N. Scott Jr. at (215) 564-8951, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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